

REMARKS

Summary of Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview dated September 16, 2008 with Applicant's Attorney, Jay Knobloch. During the telephonic interview, claims 71 and 106 were discussed. In an email that followed the telephonic interview, the Examiner indicated that the language of claims 71 and 106 appears to be good.

Summary of Claims

Claims 1 and 108 are currently amended to correct grammatical errors and further clarify the claims.

To avoid confusion of the correct equation, claims 126, 135, 145, 156, 166, 176, 188, 198, and 207 are cancelled. Claims 210 – 218 are added to replace cancelled claims 126, 135, 145, 156, 166, 176, 188, 198, and 207, respectively. The only difference is a minor change in the equations. Claims 210 – 218 depend on allowable claims, so are allowable for at least this reason. No new matter was added as a result.

Claims 207 and 208 are currently amended to further clarify the claimed subject matter. Claims 207 and 208 depend on allowable claims, so are allowable for at least this reason. No new matter was added as a result.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jay Q. Knobloch", written over a horizontal line.

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